

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 10, 2011

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 10th day of November, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Members Don Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson
ABSENT:	Member Keith Allen
COMMITTEE LIAISONS:	Dana Cramer, IAFF (present) Joel Formby, FOP (present) Brandon Brooks, OU (present)
STAFF PRESENT:	James Fullingim, Fire Chief Jim Bailey, Asst. Fire Chief Major Jim Maisano, Police Department Lieutenant David Tuescher, Police Department Keith Humphrey, Police Chief Anthony Francisco, Finance Department Jeff Bryant, City Attorney
OTHERS PRESENT:	Councilmember Lockett Councilmember Gallagher

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2011, MEETING.

Member Meazell moved that the agenda of the November 10, 2011, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Schnell;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee November 10, 2011, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the November 10, 2011, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Don Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson
NAYES:	None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the agenda of the November 10, 2011, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2011.

Member Henderson moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of September 8, 2011, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Elzagi;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee September 8, 2011, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of September 8, 2011, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield, Emily Meazell, Mary Sue Schnell and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of September 8, 2011, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the September and October financial reports.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim updated the Committee on activities regarding Fire Station No. 9. He reported that LEED requirements have changed and that has cost a little time. We are looking at ground breaking around March 1, 2012.

Councilmember Gallagher asked what the LEED changes were.

Chief Fullingim said that LEED has changed their emphasis to focus more on energy efficiency. The opening of fire Station No. 9 is expected in the spring of 2013.

The next academy will be in January, 2013 with 14 applicants for General Fund. The academy following that one will have 15 applicants and they will be PSST.

Member Holyfield asked if it cost more to build LEED.

Chief Fullingim said that it did cost more up front but less in the long run.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that the current academy begin on October 31, 2011 and will graduate on April 13, 2012. Five of the positions in the next academy will be PSST.

The Citizen's Police Academy will be graduating next week. Everyone felt that the first one was successful.

Lt. Teuscher discussed several activities that the Norman Police Department is partnering with the University of Oklahoma.

Chief Humphrey discussed a new sky watch tower the department has purchased and how it will be used, recruiting efforts to reach out to minorities and the display of accreditation on the Police fleet.

Member Holyfield made several comments regarding the CAD system, possible upgrades to the system, the consultant and committee that is looking at the upgrade. Then he questioned the replacement of all of the radios and the cost associated with that.

Item 5, being:

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX SURPLUS.

Mr. Francisco discussed the memo dated November 10, 2011 to the Citizen's Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee regarding Surplus Public Safety Sales Tax.

Member Duff asked if this committee was being asked to declare a surplus. He does not believe there is a surplus and that decision should wait until all of the projects are over. This tax was sold as a public safety issue and the focus of this committee should be on how the money is collected and how it is spent.

Member Holyfield said that it would be difficult to go back to voters for more money until all of the projects are completed.

Member Duff feels that the committee should pass on ideas about the way the money should be spent and look after how the money is spent.

Mayor Rosenthal said that the expenditures are not open-ended, that priority is given to public safety expenditures. She said that all budgets are based on projections trying to meet identified, targeted needs. The Mayor reminded the committee that they are an oversight committee not a budgeting committee. City Council has the responsibility to decide how any surplus will be spent.

Councilmember Holyfield said that the committee could make recommendations to Council. He reiterated that he felt the City should hold onto any extra money and the Police Chief and the Fire Chief should determine the needs for how the money should be spent.

Member Duff asked that a topic be added to the next agenda that declares the intentions of the Public Safety Oversight Committee regarding a surplus.

Item 6; being:



DISCUSSION OF TEAM PROGRAM AND POLICE OFFICERS IN SCHOOLS.

This item was postponed to the December 8, 2011 meeting.

Item 7; being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held December 8, 2011

1. TEAM Program and Officers in Schools
2. Resolution declaring intentions of the Public Safety Oversight Committee regarding a surplus

Item 8, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.